

HOUSE BILL 771

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;  
Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 12; Title 58 and Title  
68, relative to fire departments.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 102, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 68-102-1\_\_.

(a) All municipal, county and volunteer fire departments shall adopt the National Fire Protection Association standards by 2012. The term "county" includes any county having a metropolitan form of government.

(b) Failure to adopt all such standards may result in the loss of state shared taxes with respect to municipalities and counties, in an amount to be determined by the commissioner of finance and administration and loss or suspension of the charter of a volunteer fire company as determined by the state fire marshal after providing a hearing in accordance with the uniform administrative procedures act, title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.